

REMARKS

The Examiner has required a restriction between the following:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 39-47, drawn to a method of joining;
- II. Claims 10-28 and 48-52, drawn to a fastener element;
- III. Claims 29-31, drawn to a riveting die; or
- IV. Claims 32-38, drawn to a component assembly.

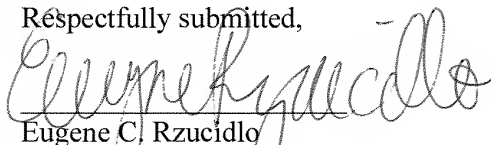
In order to make this response responsive to the action, applicant elects group I, without traverse.

It is believed that all of the pending elected claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at (212) 309-1214. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at gcr@hunton.com.

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